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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED
UNAVOIDABLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(a)**

Docket Number (Optional)

First Named Inventor: Richard Mettke

Art Unit: 2643

Application Number: 09/134,831

Examiner: Stella Woo

Filed: AUGUST 17, 1998

Title: ON-LINE COMMUNICATIONS TERMINAL/APPARATUS

Attention: Office of Petitions
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- (1) Petition fee.
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee.
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995, and for all design applications; and
- (4) Adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay.

1. Petition fee

☒ Small entity - fee \$ 55 (37 CFR 1.17(i)). Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.

☐ Other than small entity - fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(i)).

2. Reply and/or fee

A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in the form of _____ (identify the type of reply):

☐ has been filed previously on _____

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3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

- ☒ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.
- ☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ _____ for a small entity or \$ _____ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. An adequate showing of the cause of the delay, and that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) was unavoidable, is enclosed.

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- ☒ Reply
- ☐ Terminal Disclaimer Form
- ☒ Additional sheets containing statements establishing unavoidable delay
- ☐ _____

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(In the space provided below, please explain in detail the reasons for the delay in filing a proper reply.)

See Attached enclosure

(Please attach additional sheets if additional space is needed.)

Application Number 09/134,831

**Enclosure to Petition For Revival of An Application For Patent Abandoned
Unavoidably Under 37 CFR 1.137 (a), Application number 09/134,831**

The following response is provided to support the delay in filing a proper reply:


The main rationale that the applicant can provide for not responding with a proper reply was that examiner in this case kept responding to amendments and other office actions provided by the applicant leading him to believe that a favorable action was pending.

Because of the examiners continued responses, and applicant's pursuit of moving the process forward, the applicant was unaware of the time constraints. He in fact filed a petition to the commissioner within the time frame that the Examiner provided in her last office action for a response.

In the time period between the applicants "Petition to the Commissioner (25 NOV 02) and the date of the now known "Abandonment", the applicant provided no less than three responses/amendments. Furthermore, the applicant had asked the Examiner on many occasions for constructive assistance and clarification, to no avail. Applicant requests, in light of the above information, that this petition be favorably considered.

Respectively,

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